

REMARKS

Claims 18-22, and 29-38 have been canceled. Claims 23 and 26 were previously canceled. It appears that the examination of these claims was an oversight. Claim 55 has been amended to correct minor grammatical errors. Claims 55-63, 70-84, 86, 95, and 102-107 are pending in this application; of these, the Examiner has indicated that claims 78-84, 86, 88-95 and 102-107 are allowed. Applicants note that the Examiner indicates in the Office Action that claims 88-95 are allowed, while failing to list those claims as pending in the application. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims should be allowed, but seek further clarification from the Examiner.

Favorable reconsideration of the remaining claims 55-63, 70-77 and 88-95 is respectfully requested in view of the comments below.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, FIRST PARAGRAPH

Claims 38, 55-64, 67, and 70-77 have been rejected as not being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regards as the invention.

Claims 38 and 67 have been canceled, thus rendering this ground of rejection moot. Applicants have amended claim 55 to correct the grammatical errors. In particular, step (b) of claim 55 was amended to recite “. . .cancer cells, infected with a second. . .” and “or are the same cancer cell type as the patient-derived cancer cells. . .” Claims 56-64 depend from claim 55 and claims 70-77 depend from claim 56. Accordingly, applicants submit that the claim amendment renders this ground of rejection moot. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of this ground of rejection.

CLAIM REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner alleges that claims 18-23, 26 and 29-38 are obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103 in light of a combination of Nestle *et al.* (“Nestle”) in view of Sivandandham *et al.* (“Sivandandham”). The Examiner states that Nestle teaches methods of vaccinating patients with patient-derived dendritic cells pulsed with melanoma tumor lysate.

Applicants submit that the present cancellation of claims 18-22 and 29-38 render this ground of rejection moot. Claims 23 and 26 were previously canceled. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of this ground of rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is firmly believed that the subject invention is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.


Extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned directly at (202) 220-4412.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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